

(c) The Annual Direct Recruitment Plan scheme provides for flexibility in deciding to fill up the vacancies depending upon their relative functional need. Thus care is taken that as far as possible the posts meant for postal operation are not abolished. The effort has always been to match staff requirement for postal operations by redistribution and combination of duties and by engagement of paid substitutes for delivery of postal articles in case of Postman leave vacancies. Also computerization and rationalization of procedure has helped in maintaining smooth functioning of the postal services. It cannot be said that courier services are flourishing due to vacant posts in the Department of Posts.

Assessment of the projected demand for mobile handset

*43. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the projected demand for mobile handsets in the wake of growth in mobile telephony in the country; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether ITI manufactures GSM mobile handsets;

(c) if so, whether the capacity is sufficient to meet the projected demand;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether ITI proposes to take up the production of compatible mobile handsets to meet the increasing demand for affordable handsets in view of the growth value added services;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) Taking into account the present trend of subscriber additions, it is estimated that there will be a demand a about 100 million mobile handsets in the next one year.

(b) No, Sir.

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(c) and (d) Not applicable in view of (b) above.

(e) to (g) As per the present business plan, ITI has no proposal to manufacture mobile handsets in views of intense competition in the dynamic and fast changing market.

Master Plan of Delhi

†*44. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Master Plan of Delhi has been published;

(b) whether an assessment has been made about the population of Delhi in the year 2021 and the housing requirement for the same;

(c) whether stress has been laid in the Master Plan to maintain the *status quo*;

(d) whether this would encourage construction of multi-storey buildings which would make other basic amenities such as water, sewage, road, parking, etc. unmanageable; and

(e) whether it would be ensured that the multi-storey buildings already constructed or to be constructed would be fully earthquake-proof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Master Plan for Delhi with the perspective for the year 2021 (MPD 2021) was notified on 7th February, 2007, by the Central Government.

(b) Yes, Sir. According to MPD-2021, the estimated population of Delhi would be in the range of 220 to 230 lakhs in the year 2021, and additional 24 lakh dwelling units would be needed to meet the housing requirement.

(c) and (d) The MPD 2021 incorporates revised norms for residential areas taking into account the ground realities as well as projections of future demand for shelter and commercial space. While MPD 2021 envisages redensification of existing housing areas, redevelopment and fresh construction in urban extension areas, it also provides for augmentation and rationalization of the physical and social infrastructure as well as strengthening of the transportation network. Provision for additional FAR in respect of plotted and group housing as well as mixed use of land for non-residential purpose would also entail payment of various

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.